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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GNRAL CONFERENCE - STATUS OF
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1. IN CIRCULATING US DRAF RESOLUTION ON "UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR"(IWY) TO SEEK COSPONSORSHIP FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS, DEPT. SUGGESTS PERM-DEL UTILIZE FOLLOWING:

2. AS A RESULT OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE POSITIVE INTERACTION IS EXPECTED BETWEEN U.S. PRIVATE INTEREST GROUPS AND NUMEROUS LDC FORCES WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL IN INTRODUCING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDATION THAT RECEIVED BROAD ACCLAIM.

3. BUCHAREST RECOMMENDATION PROVIDES THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRIES ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN. IMPORTANCE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION UNDERSCORED BY WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE CONCLUSION THAT FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN INTO DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY TENDS TO LOWER BIRTH RATES.

4. IT IS HOPED THAT SUPPORT FOR US RR CAN BE FOUND BY CAPITALIZING UPON IMPETUS PROVIDED BY BUCHAREST CONFERENCE TO GENERATE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE MOMENTUM FOR WOMEN'S INTEGRATION, IN ALL PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING EDUCATION.

5. RE PARA. 2 REFTEL, EXPECT UNESCO WOULD START IMPLEMENTING FUNCTIONS DRAFT RESOLUTION 1-A,1-B, AND 2 WITHIN PRESENT BUDGET, USING CURRENT STAFF. INTENT OF RESOLUTION IS THAT UNESCO EXERCISE LEADERSHIP WITHIN ITS AREAS OF COMPETENCE TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT FACILITATE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN INTO ECONOMY AND SOCIETY OF MEMBER STATES. FOR INSTANCE, IN COLLECTING AND SYNTHESIZING DOCUMENTS IN ITS FIELDS OF COMPETENCE (ITEM 1-A), UNESCO WOULD ASSURE THAT ALL ONGOING UNESCO INFORMATION AND SYNTHESIS FUNCTIONS ADDRESS STATUS AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. EXPERIENCE TO DATE AMONG DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES REVEALS THIS SUBJECT OFTEN WOEFULLY NEGLECTED. COMPILATION ACCURATE AND DETAILED DATA IS ESSENTIAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING AND INVESTMENT DETERMINATION

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6. UNESCO SHOULD USE PRESENT STAFF AND CURRENT BUDGET TO PRESS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNDP AND OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, FOR UN SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH COMPATIBLE CONCEPTS, STANDARDS STATISTICS AND GUIDELINES FOR DATA REQUIREMENTS ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

7. UNDER ITEM 1-B MEMBER STATES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ACCURATE PROFILES ON STATUS OF WOMEN, THEIR ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR SHARE AS AGENTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, IN ORDER TO BUILD NATIONAL, PEOPLE-ORIENTED STRATEGIES OF DEVELOPMENT. ENCOURAGED TO ACT BY U ESCO, MEMBER STATES WOULD BE IN IMPROVED POSITION SEEK TECHNOLOGY FROM OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGENCIES. UNESCO STIMULATION SUCH REQUEST WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.

8. NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMMISSIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES CALL FOR SUCH NATIONAL PROFILES AND STRATEGIES BUT GOVERNMENTS (AND THEIR MINISTRIES) HAVE TRADITIONALLY IGNORED THIS ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT.

9. RE ITEM 2: DR PROPOSES UNESCO SUPPORT PREPARATORY ANALYSIS AND PARTICIPANT COMMUNICATION FOR UN CONFERENCE FOR IWY AS ESTABLISHED BY UN RESOLUTION. UNESCO CAN WITH LITTLE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE USE ITS STAFF AND POSITION TO ENCOURAGE WIDESPREAD CRITICAL EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF IWY CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS.

10. THRUST OF RESOLUTION IS TO ENSURE IN ALL PROGRAM PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, REVIEW AND EVALUATION WOMEN ARE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. WHILE UNESCO MAY AMPLIFY OR INITIATE NEW PROJECTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT, WE DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, FORESEE FUNDS-IN-TRUST FOR SUCH PROGRAM.

11. CONVEY SECRETARIAT U. S. SUPPORT FOR HERZOG PROPOSALS FOR IWY (REFTEL 2C) WITH EMPHASIS ON POINTS 6,7,8. RE 7: URGE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS PROMOTE PROGRAMS WHICH INTEGRATE WOMEN INTO DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN PROJECTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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12. RE PARA. 3 REFTTEL, IN INTEREST OF KEEPING PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS BRIEF, US DR EXPANDED ONLY PER PARAS. 2-4 ABOVE PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL PARIS. HOWEVER, IF IN INTEREST OF GAINING SUPPORT MEMBER STATES ADDITIONS NECESSARY US DEL SHOULD EXERCISE OWN GOOD JUDGMENT IN ADVISING DEPT SUBSTANCE AND REQUESTING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

13. RE PARA. 4 REFTTEL: SUB-PARAS 1 INCLUDING IN RESOLUTION TEXT, AND 2 DELETED IN ORDER NOT TO SPECIFY (AND BY IMPLICATION LIMIT) ROLE OF WOMEN TO TRADITIONAL FIELDS VITAL TO ARGUMENT IS CONTENTION THAT FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN BECOME INTEGRAL PART OF ALL UNESCO PLANNING IN DEVELOPING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. INGERSOLL

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